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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: MASS, MO

SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO MOROCCO

REF: (A) STATE 48784, (B) AMMAN 1064

- 1. GOM SECGEN ADN NATIONAL DEFENSE WAS CONTACTED ON 2 MARCH 1976. HE WAS PROVIDED WITH LETTER STATING USG HELD IT EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT TERMS OF TRANSFER AND REPLACEMENT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN GOM AND GOJ ON ARMS/AIRCRAFT TRANSFER BE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED IN WRITING.
- 2. SECGEN WAS INFORMED THAT WE UNDERSTOOD GOJ WAS NOW PREPARED TO TRANSFER F-5AS TO MOROCCO. TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER THE SECGEN WAS REMINDED THAT GOM TRANSFER ASSURANCES WOULD BE REQUIRED.
- 3. THE CONEPT OF JORDANIAN-MANNED PLANES IN MOROCCO HAS NOT AND WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH GOM.

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4. REFTEL (A), PARA 5: GOM IS REPORTED TO HAVE A CONTIN-

GENCY FUND FOR EMERGENCY PURCHASES OUTSIDE OF THE NORMAL PROGRAMS. HOWEVER, WE ARE UNAWARE OF HOW MUCH MONEY IS AVAILABLE IN THIS FUND. WE WOULD GUESS THOUGH THAT SOME OF THE \$200 MILLION OF NEW SAUDI MONEY MIGHT BE USED FOR THE PRESENT EMERGENCY ACQUISITIONS.

5. TO CLARIFY ONE COMMENT IN REFTEL (B), PARA 1, "IF
20 JORDANIAN F-5AS ARE PROVIDED TO GOM ON CONDITION THAT
20 WILL BE RETURNED" PLEASE NOTE THAT RMAF ALREADY HAS A
SQUADRON OF F-5AS FROM WHICH THEY COULD PROVIDE
REPLACEMENTS SHOULD ANY JORDANIAN F-5AS BE LOST. THE
PROJECTED F-5E BUY BY GOM NEED NOT ENTER THIS TRANSACTION AT ALL.
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